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The University of Manchester

Pathways to Law

A two year programme for year 12 students interested in studying law

- Work placements
- Student mentoring
- Advice sessions
- Workshops
- Trips to law firms

A stylized silhouette of the Manchester skyline in shades of grey and white against a purple background. The skyline includes various buildings, a prominent clock tower, and the distinctive arch of the Deansgate Archway.

School of Law

What?

Pathways to Law, in partnership with the Sutton Trust, provides information, guidance and hands-on experience to students interested in studying law at university. The two year programme is open to students from state schools and colleges throughout Greater Manchester.

Pathways to Law is designed to give you the resources and information to understand what it means to both study and practice law. Students start the two year programme at the beginning of year 12 and carry on until the end of year 13.

The programme delivers a full and varied programme, which includes:

- Work experience in the legal sector;
- A 3-night conference at The University of Warwick;
- University application advice and personal statement workshops;
- Mentoring from current University of Manchester law students ;
- A visit to the Inner Temple in London;
- A CV workshop and careers advice;
- Meeting with legal professionals, solicitors, barristers, university academics and law students!

All Pathways sessions are scheduled to sit alongside your studies taking place in the evenings, holiday periods or weekends, avoiding any examination periods.

"The trips and the sessions ran by the University were amazing!"



"It has been a constant source of motivation during my A-levels."

Who?

We are looking for students who will be beginning 6th form or college in September. Places are limited and will be allocated based on the information given on your online application form. Applications open after GCSE results have been announced and remain open for approximately one month.

To be a part of Pathways to Law, you must:

- Demonstrate an interest in law;
- Be enthusiastic and willing to commit to the programme;
- Attend a state school or college;
- Have a good GCSE profile with minimum grades across all subjects of A*/9 to C/4;
- Have little or no family history of university (your mum or dad didn't go), or have been eligible for Free School Meals, the 16-19 Bursary or the Pupil Premium.

Preference is given to students in lower performing state schools, from low participation neighbourhoods, or who are (or have been) looked after, accommodated or in care.

For further eligibility information, application deadlines and forms, please visit:

www.suttontrust.com/pathways-to-law

How much will it cost?

Nothing! All the Pathways to Law sessions are free and any expenses incurred can be claimed back.



"The support from the programme coordinators was incredible."

Programme highlights Work placements

You will be given the opportunity to participate in a 3-5 day work placement with a local law firm, barristers chamber or other related company. The work placements take place during school holidays, where you will meet a wide variety of people from senior partners through to trainees and clients, and develop key skills. The placement provides valuable experience to include on both university and future job applications.

"My placement has inspired me to work in the legal world and has opened my eyes to the opportunities law offers."

National Conference

As a member of Pathways you will be invited to attend the National Conference at the end of your first year on the programme. The 3-night residential conference is held each year at The University of Warwick. This will give you an insight into student life and enable you to meet professionals from the legal sector and students from the other Pathways groups.

"Pathways has allowed me to meet so many different people from different backgrounds."

Graduation ceremony

You will also be invited to the Pathways to Law graduation ceremony. At this event we will celebrate your achievements on the Pathways to Law programme and wish you well in your A-level results and future university career.

"Pathways to Law has been one of the best experiences of my life."





Pathways to Law, run by the Sutton Trust and supported by the Legal Education Foundation, is a two-year programme which supports academically-able students in year 12 and 13 from non-privileged backgrounds who are interested in a career in law.

For more info on the programme
and how to apply, please visit:

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